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PRICE 2/- PER ANNUM.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

MR. FRANCIS CASS is hereby authorized to sign our Firm by Procuration on and after this Date.

ELLES & Co.

Amey, 1st June, 1881. jy7

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE.

DURING my Absence from Hongkong, MR. ROBERT COOKE will act as SECRETARY.

By Order of the Board.

D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, June 13, 1881. jy13

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will offer FOR SALE by PUBLIC AUCTION, on the Premises ON

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the 4th July, 1881, at 4 p.m. (unless previously disposed of by private contract)—THE VERY VALUABLE BUILDING GROUND,

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Hongkong, June 27, 1881. jy4

## Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....5,000,000 Dollars.  
RESERVE FUND.....1,800,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—A. MOYER, Esq.

Deputy Chairman—H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq.

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6 " 4 per cent. "

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Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,

No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, June 14, 1881.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMpte DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th d. 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 30th APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP.....£3,200,000.

RESERVE FUND.....£300,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue BERGERE,

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AGENCIES and BRANCHES at:

LONDON, BOURBON, SAN FRANCISCO,

MARSEILLE, BOMBAY, HONGKONG,

LYON, CALCUTTA, HANKOW,

NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHOW,

MELBOURNE, and SYDNEY.

LONDON BANKERS:

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

MESSES C. J. HAMBRO & SON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. SCHWEBLIN,

Agent, Hongkong.

Hongkong, April 12, 1881.

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(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3% per Annum.

6 " 4% "

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Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,

Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,

Hongkong, September 4, 1881.

NOTICE.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED,

is prepared to ACCEPT FIRST-CLASS RISKS at 2 per cent. per Annum, and other INSURANCES at Proportional Rates.

Shareholders are reminded that the Directors have the power of distributing a certain proportion of the accumulated profits annually among the Shareholders as have contributed funds to the Company.

AGENTS for all the Trade Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon, Penang and Manila.

A. G. STOKES,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, May 19, 1881.

## For Sale.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE RECEIVED the following NEW STOCK ex "GLEVERN," &c.

FRESH STORES—

HUNTER & PALMER'S BISCUITS.

AMERICAN BISCUITS.

CHOCOLATE (in a special).

English and American

MEATS and FISH.

FRUIT in SYRUP.

MEAT and BISCUITS.

FISH in TINS.

MEAT and BISCUITS.

FRUIT in SYRUP.

MEAT and BISCUITS.

# THE CHINA MAIL

No. 5603. JUNE 29, 1881.

## For Sale.

MacEWEN, ERICKEL & Co.  
HAVE RECEIVED FOR SALE,  
Ex Recently arrived Mail and  
other Merchandise.

AMERICAN AND ENGLISH  
GROCERIES,  
Fresh, SUPPLIES RECEIVED BY EVERY  
MAIL.

Eastern and California CHEESE.  
Boneless CODFISH.  
Prime HAMS and BACON.  
Russian CAVIARE.  
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.  
PEACH, and APPLE BUTTER.  
PICKLED OX-TONGUES.  
Family PIG-PORK ~~legs~~ and pieces.  
Paragon MACKEREL 5 lb cans.  
Beau Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.  
Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 2 lb cans.  
Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.  
Potted SAUSAGES and Sausage  
MEAT.  
Stuffed PEPPERS.  
Assorted PICKLES.  
MINCEMEAT.

COMB HONEY in Original Frames.  
Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted  
MEATS.  
Richardson & Robbin's Curried OYSTERS.  
Lunch TONGUE.  
Assorted American SYRUPS, for Sum-  
mer Drinks.

McCart's Sugar LEMONADE.  
Clam CHOWDER.  
Codfish BALLS.  
Green TURTLE in 2 lb cans.

CALIFORNIA  
RACKER  
COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb  
tins, and loose.  
Alphabetical BIS-  
CUITS.  
Fancy Sweet Mixed  
BISCUITS.  
Ginger CAKES.  
Soda BISCUITS.  
Oyster BISCUITS.

Cracked WHEAT.  
OATMEAL.  
HOMINY.  
CORNMEAL.  
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NEW BOOKS.—  
3,000 Numbers "FRANKLIN SQUARE" and  
"SEASIDE" LIBRARIES, including  
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TIMES," "ENDYTHON," and  
other recent Publications,  
from 15 cents to 25  
cents each.

HERBERT SPENCER'S COMPLETE WORKS  
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PRESCOTT'S COMPLETE WORKS.  
EDGAR POE'S COMPLETE WORKS.  
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HARPER'S HALF HOUR SERIES.  
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Sheet MUSIC.

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STATIONERY,—  
FOR LADIES, and OFFICE USE.  
OFFICE REQUISITES of every description.

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CIGARS.

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AERATED WATERS.

CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S  
and  
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FAMOUS HOUSEHOLD STORES.

TYSONEAU'S DESSERT FRUITS.  
SAVOURY PATE.  
GAME PATE.

PORK PATE.  
OX PALATES.  
HUNG (Hambo) BEEF.  
TRIPPE.

FRUITS for Ices.  
SHERBET.  
COCOA-TILLE.

VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.  
EAT'S COCOA.

Romney's GROATS.  
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Russia OX-TONGUES.  
French PLUMS.  
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

SARDINES.  
Ham TONGUE and  
Chicken SAUSAGE.

ASPARAGUS.  
MACARONI.  
VERMICELLI.

SAUSAGES.  
MEATS.

SOUPS, &c., &c.

SHIPCHANDLERY of every Description.  
RIGGING and SAIL-MAKING promptly  
executed.

Hongkong, June 20, 1881.

## Mails.

NOTICE.  
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT'S POSTE FRANCAIS.  
STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO,  
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT  
SAID, NAPLES, AND  
MARSEILLE;

ALSO,  
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND  
PORT LOUIS.

ON THURSDAY, the 30th day of June, 1881, at Noon, the Company's S. S. SINDH, Commandant LEQUERIE, with MAJLS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered, for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until

Now cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 29th of June, 1881. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, June 17, 1881.

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STEAM FOR  
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE  
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ,  
PORT SAID, MALTA, GIBRALTAR,  
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE,  
SOUTHAMPTON, AND LONDON;

ALSO,  
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND  
AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills  
of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN  
GULF PORTS, MARSEILLE,  
TRISTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK  
AND BOSTON.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship  
NEPTUNE, Captain J. S. MURRAY, with  
Her Majesty's Ambassador, despatched  
from the British Embassy at LONDON direct, via SUEZ  
CANAL, and usual Ports of Call, on  
THURSDAY, the 7th July, at 4 p.m.

Cargo will be received on board until 10 a.m. on the day of departure.

Parcels and Specie (Gold) in the Office

until 10 a.m. on the day of departure.

For further Particulars, regarding

FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY'S OFFICE, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are

required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to

note the terms and conditions of the Com-  
pany's Black Bills of Lading.

A. McIVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, June 25, 1881.

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SAFETY AND ONLY RELIABLE  
PREPARATION OF PHOSPHORUS.

D. R. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE.

Best known remedy for Nervousness,  
Indigestion, Liver Complaints, and all Functional  
Derangements; extensively used in  
the Army and Navy, and highly recommended

by the Medical Faculty.

Orders should be sent to GEO. MURRAY  
BROS., CHINA MAIL OFFICE, 2, NEWBOLD  
STREET, LONDON, not later than noon of the day the  
English Mail Steamer leaves.

Terms of Advertising, same as in Daily  
China Mail.

SAFETY AND ONLY RELIABLE  
PREPARATION OF PHOSPHORUS.

W. E. PARKER.

Can be obtained from KELLY & WALKER

at SHANGHAI and HONGKONG, at LANE,  
CRAWFORD & CO., HONGKONG, and at the  
CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

Hongkong, December 6, 1870.

THE SAFEST AND ONLY RELIABLE  
PREPARATION OF PHOSPHORUS.

D. R. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE.

Only reliable Remedy for Weak and  
Shattered Constitutions, Nervous Debility,  
Depression, Lassitude, Pimples, Impover-  
ished Blood, premature Decline; thoroughly  
re-establishes general bodily health.

D. R. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE.

Prepared on a new principle whereby  
all possible risk is entirely prevented. Avoid  
Phosphorus Filla, Lozenges etc., as they  
frequently contain Solid Particles of Phos-  
phorus, which accumulate in the system,  
producing Nervous and other serious evils.

D. R. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE.

Beware of worthless Imitations.

Being prepared from Obsolete Formulas they  
are absolutely unreliable and in some cases  
positively dangerous.

D. R. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE.

Sold by all Chemists throughout the  
globe.

Refuse Useless Substitutes.

Agents—WATSON & CO., HONGKONG DIS-  
PENSARY.

WATSON, CLEAVE & CO., SHANG-  
HAI PHARMACY.

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NOTICE.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept

Risks upon First Class Buildings

and/or their Contents at 1/2 per

annum, and other Insurances at  
convenient Rates. Shareholders are reminded

that under Section No. 110 of the Articles

of Association, the General Managers

will then assume the functions of the Consulting  
Committee, and are empowered to declare an  
Annual Bonus or premium such Shareholders as  
shall have either directly, or through their  
agency or intervention, contributed busi-  
ness.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,

General Managers,

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Hongkong, May 10, 1881.

31m/y81

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having been appointed

Agents of the above Company, are  
prepared to grant Policies on

RISKS to all parts of the World.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.

Hongkong, Sept. 26, 1880.

27m/y81

## Insurances.

NOTICE.  
PRUSSIAN NATIONAL INSUR-  
ANCE COMPANY, OF STETTIN.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Company, are  
prepared to grant Insurances against FIRE  
at Current Rates.

MEYER & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, May 10, 1881.

10m/y82

NOTICE.

THAMES AND JERSEY MARINE  
INSURANCE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE, 1, ROYAL EXCHANGE  
BUILDING, LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Company are prepared to accept  
MARINE RISKS at Current Rates, allowing  
usual Discounts.

ADAMSON, BELL & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, May 3, 1881.

3m/y82

NOTICE.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY  
(LIMITED).

NOTICE.

## THE CHINA MAIL.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

"Eagle's Eye" too late—will appear to-morrow.

The Spanish steamer *Sotadura* went to the Hung Lam Dock yesterday.

H. M. S. *Lapwing* arrived at Shanghai from the south on the 19th instant.

The German steamer *Quinta*, from Hongkong to Vancouver's Island, put into Yokohama on the 8th inst. to fill up with coal and water.

We are informed by the Agents (Messrs Adamson, Bell & Co.) that the steamer *Bothwell Castle*, from London, left Singapore to-day for Hongkong.

We are informed by the Superintendent of the Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company that the upward French mail steamer *Saghalien* passed Cape St. James at 6 p.m. yesterday.

An unqualified admirer of the Governor's consistent straightforwardness in his public utterances and his invincible honesty in the way of faithfully putting the same before the Home public, his Exeter-Hall friends, and, if he could manage it, the Colonial Office, has handed us a curio which we shall be glad to exhibit at this office to any of our constituents. It is a copy of the *Daily Press* report of the Governor's Census speech at the meeting of the Legislative Council of June 3rd, so marked as to show the changes made in the same by the viceroyal hand before it found its place in the *Government Gazette*. The document is an amusing and interesting one and will repay inspection.

Touching the movement, recently noticed, to establish a Hospital for Eye Diseases amongst the natives, it may be remarked that the Chinese have over been found ready and eager to avail themselves of Western skill for the cure of such disorders. Indeed, in proportion to the inability of the empirical native doctors to give relief under such circumstances has been the desire of the Chinese to obtain the assistance of Western physicians. The experience of the Mission Hospitals sufficiently demonstrates this fact. At the same time, we think it is just possible that this very fact has engendered the belief that diseases of the eye are more prevalent in China than anywhere else. This opinion, that disorders of the eye prevail to a much larger extent than elsewhere, may be based upon no more solid foundation than that of casual observation—observation, too, made under the exceptional conditions to which we have referred. Now we have some statistics before us that are strictly reliable, and the results to which they point may go a little way towards supporting this view of the subject. Actual observation of over a thousand Chinese (1046, to be correct), of ages varying from ten to sixty, but chiefly from twenty-five to forty, recently gave this result—that out of that large number four only had lost an eye, the opposites of which were in perfect health. In three instances only was there any evidence of previous disease, indicated by the presence of slight cicatrices, not, however, in any way interfering with vision. Such figures would tend, we fancy, to show that diseases of the eye do not attain that high percentage among Chinese which it is commonly supposed they do. Less than a half per cent. had lost one eye, and under three-quarters per cent. bore evidence of such disease. It is not, by any means intended to prove by this that the means suggested for alleviating such ailments are not to be sincerely welcomed from whatever source the attempt may come. Far from it. We merely point out the fact that the readiness of the Chinese to consult European physicians on eye diseases may have engendered the belief that this class of disease is far more general in China than it really is. If, after making allowance for the peculiar circumstances of the observations already made on this subject, the recognised medical authorities can show that the general opinion is well founded, then an additional reason will be furnished for the prosecution of the good work lately suggested by some of the Chinese in this Colony.

The Macao difficulty as to the disputed sale of the Wai Sing Lottery Farm still occupies public attention both here and in the neighbouring colony which it more particularly interests. Wong Wo, the Chinaman who was "detained" last Saturday, is still under arrest and is not likely to be released until things are definitely settled. An unexpected turn has been given to all the affairs connected with this case by a movement amongst the parties which was not contemplated, even by outsiders who have been watching the game. After the new syndicate which Mr Pitman had beaten up here had made the offer to which we referred in a previous issue, to take over the Farm at the full price at which it was sold at the state auction—some others came in, and volunteered to take it over at the same price. Two Macanese Companies offered to pay the maximum price \$1,015,000, one of them being virtually the Old Farmer and his remaining friends, and the other a company which had been formed of secondees from his financial camp. The Government was again put in the difficult position

of having to give their preference to one of three offers, all of which were of equal amount and the securities of which were, every one of them, of unimpeachable integrity and soundness. It would have seemed to any person possessed of a reasonable amount of common sense, we think, that the principal for the original buyers, if he was in a position to bring forward another syndicate, his primary employers having deserted him, and if these new clients of his were ready to put down the money, should have had it in his option to hand the contract, as it were, over to a newly-organized firm or company, the Government exercising the full requirements of the law as to guarantees, deposits, &c. But, no. The Government, very foolishly, we fancy, have got the idea that because there are opposing factions whose eyes are fixed on this monopoly of gambling, therefore the price will go up. We fancy the handle is entirely on the other side of the "jug." If the opposing parties are allowed another three weeks to consider and combine and machinate the one with the other to defeat the Government, there is no saying how powerful the combination may turn out to be. At all events whatever happens the loss will be charged to the Colony, and not to any of those who have been concerned in the adventurous business. It has not been often during the past many years that we have felt in any way inclined to support in the slightest either the public or private action of Mr Pitman, but on the present occasion his action and stand seem to be unfortunate; he poses rather more as a tool than otherwise; and the fact that he stands a good chance of losing \$10,000, and has not a scrap of paper authorising him to act for those who now disown him as their agent and refuse to homologate his action, is pretty satisfactory evidence that he is, in this instance, more sinned against than sinning. The present position of the master is this:—the monopoly will have to be put up again in something like a month's time, unless the Government sooner dispose of the property. We should, were we in the strange and uncomfortable position in which the Government of Macao must feel itself at the present moment, feel induced to pay some considerable heed to the problem that one bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. To our Portuguese friends it may be sufficient to say, *Multa teat arrebeta a corda.*

One of the most extraordinary things we have read for a long time is this, which we find in a Shanghai *contemporary*, extracted from the *Freemason*:

The District Grand Lodge of China enjoyed a grand banquet on January 22nd in the New Town Hall of Hongkong, to welcome the R. W. Grand Master, Bro. G. Linstead, upon his return from England, where he for nine months was engaged in a Masonic business. Covers were laid for 500 guests, a great accession of Masonic strength coming from the assembling of the dead. Bro. Linstead has an autograph letter of greeting from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to the Grand Lodge of China, which was read, and received by the assembled Lodge previous to closing for refreshment.

At the banquet, Bro. Sir Poole Hennemy responded for "Queens and Craft," and Bro. Admiral Coote for "Visiting Brethren," while "Grand Lodge of England" was represented by Bro. A. F. McIntyre, of the *Comus*. The Governor-General and the Military Commandant both lent their official service of plate for the occasion, which is estimated at the value of £500,000. *Keynote.* [There was no mistake in figures. —*Ed. F. M.*]

As the *N. C. Daily News* remarks, the *Keynote* has evidently been made the victim of a hoax. "The paragraph is doubtless the outcome of a fertile imagination in London. No such banquet took place, and, moreover, there is no Hall in Hongkong in which 500 guests can be seated." H. E. Sir John Poole Hennemy is not a Freemason, nor does he care to further the interests of the Craft, and we are assured that the whole of the gubernatorial plate would be unnoticed in the magnificence of a display worth £500,000."

A COUR of Inquiry into the loss of the British steamer *Elgin* on the Bombay Shoal, will be opened on Monday (27th) at the Police Court, Mr. R. S. O'Connor, Senior Police Magistrate, being President of the Court, assisted by a Naval Officer and a Naval Assessor. The chief mate of the *Elgin* arrived here by the P. & O. mail steamer *Khara*.—*Singapore Times*.

Referring to the complaint that many Calcutta Baboos have adopted scarlet livery, the *Madras Mail* remarks:

The use of the Royal colour by two or three wealthy natives of Madras compelled the local Government some years ago to instruct the Police Commissioners to communicate to the gentlemen at fault that they were guilty of a breach of good taste, and it was found that the communication had not to be repeated.

The *New York Herald* facetiously says:—Now York's Chinese will make themselves respectable before they know it. They have just subscribed \$2,000 to strengthen the prosecution in the trial of Ley Teo's murderer. People who protest against wrong, and then back their sentiments with cash, may always be sure of getting along.

Mr John C. Loch, who has been Assistant Agent in America of the Cunard Line, General Agent of the P. & O. Company in China, Agent of that Company in Madras, a member of the firm of Messrs Parry and Co., a member of the Madras Legislative Council, Private Secretary to the Governor, Deputy Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, Sheriff of Madras, and President of the Municipality of Madras, has now become Secretary pro tem. of the Atlantic Express Steam Navigation. The capital of the "lucky Loche's" Company has been set down at \$2,500,000 of which the first is \$1,700,000. The Company has been formed for the purpose of establishing a line of "Express" steamers between Milford Haven and New York, by which it is anticipated that the journeys from London and the Continent will be shortened by two days. As soon as the requisite capital has been raised, it is proposed to contract for building a set of five powerful steamers, to be specially constructed for

In the Victoria Assembly, May 19, Hon. Graham Berry announced that he would introduce a Bill in the House of Commons similar to the one agreed upon by the late Conference of 1878, and that he would further insist that the Conference had agreed to the stipulations of the Conference of 1878, and that he would

A CORRESPONDENT writes from Tientsin to the Editor of the *N. C. Daily News*, over date 17th June and signature "M. or N." to the following effect:—With regard to letter concerning the Kaiping colliery, which appeared in that paper the other day, and which we reproduced at the time:—

I have read in your paper of the 11th inst. the letter of "Observer" whose too positive opinions about the Kaiping coal supply are not well founded.

Kaiping coal will be taken from thick deposits, between lime-stone strata. The mining work is easy and inexpensive, as the pits are not deep, and water gives but little trouble. When the canal is complete, and the short iron road is ready, Kaiping coal can be sold in Shanghai during eight months of the twelve at Tls. 5 per ton.

This price will satisfy the mine owners. The coal equals in quality the produce of the best pits of Sydney, N.S.W., and should sell at high rates.

The writer of your article might have referred to the copper of Manchuria, to the argenteous lead of the north-east and north-western parts of China, and to the vast gold deposits of Johol and the country around the great Imperial domains.

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Mr Helland's application for the monopoly of telephone communications in Shanghai deserves examination before a hearing.

While he is in charge of the Great Northern Telegraph Company, it is known to him to be safe and discreet—public confidence will be safe and the secrecy of open messages will be kept safe. He might, in course of time, be succeeded by a less estimable, prudent, and trustworthy person, by whom the telephone could be put at the service of a stock-jabbing ring.

It will be well, when telephones are used in our Settlement, that the control and operation be vested in the Municipality, and carried on by servants of the Council. Every precaution must be taken to ensure a confidential and secret service.

MESSRS Jardine, Matheson & Co. inform us (*N. C. D. News*) that the *s. G. Glencore* left Port Said on the 19th. Last year she left Woosung at 9.30 p.m. on the 23rd of May and left Port Said at 2.30 a.m. on the 20th of June, occupying 27 days & hours for the passage. This year she passed the Red Buoy at 10.30 p.m. on the 24th of May, and half an hour after noon on the 19th inst. she was exactly 26 days from Woosung. The telegram does not state the time she left Port Said, but simply that she "sailed on Sunday." She may reasonably be supposed, however, to have beaten her last year's time between the two points named by nearly a day and a half.

Tric Saigon *Even Nougat* of the 11th instant says:—On the 20th May the French steamer *Sidonie*, one of the fleet belonging to the house of Roque, of Saigon (the subsidized Company for transport in the interior of the Colony), saw along the coast of Annam, in the bay of Quan-Ngai, 15.10 N., a disabled steamer. The first duty of a captain, under such circumstances, was to go and render assistance to the vessel standing in need of it. This was not done. Why? We do not know, but we hope the Roque firm will condescend to furnish to others than ourselves explanations sufficient to justify the conduct of M. —, captain of the *Sidonie*. In all probability the vessel in question is the British steamer *Elgin*, German steamer *Ortuna* and the *Peruano* which were left Port Said, but simply that she "sailed on Sunday." She may reasonably be supposed, however, to have beaten her last year's time between the two points named by nearly a day and a half.

One of the most extraordinary things we have read for a long time is this, which we find in a Shanghai *contemporary*, extracted from the *Freemason*:

The District Grand Lodge of China enjoyed a grand banquet on January 22nd in the New Town Hall of Hongkong, to welcome the R. W. Grand Master, Bro. G. Linstead, upon his return from England, where he for nine months was engaged in a Masonic business. Covers were laid for 500 guests, a great accession of Masonic strength coming from the assembling of the dead. Bro. Linstead has an autograph letter of greeting from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to the Grand Lodge of China, which was read, and received by the assembled Lodge previous to closing for refreshment.

At the banquet, Bro. Sir Poole Hennemy responded for "Queens and Craft," and Bro. Admiral Coote for "Visiting Brethren," while "Grand Lodge of England" was represented by Bro. A. F. McIntyre, of the *Comus*. The Governor-General and the Military Commandant both lent their official service of plate for the occasion, which is estimated at the value of £500,000. *Keynote.*

As the *N. C. Daily News* remarks, the *Keynote* has evidently been made the victim of a hoax. "The paragraph is doubtless the outcome of a fertile imagination in London. No such banquet took place, and, moreover, there is no Hall in Hongkong in which 500 guests can be seated." H. E. Sir John Poole Hennemy is not a Freemason, nor does he care to further the interests of the Craft, and we are assured that the whole of the gubernatorial plate would be unnoticed in the magnificence of a display worth £500,000."

A COUR of Inquiry into the loss of the British steamer *Elgin* on the Bombay Shoal, will be opened on Monday (27th) at the Police Court, Mr. R. S. O'Connor, Senior Police Magistrate, being President of the Court, assisted by a Naval Officer and a Naval Assessor. The chief mate of the *Elgin* arrived here by the P. & O. mail steamer *Khara*.—*Singapore Times*.

Referring to the complaint that many Calcutta Baboos have adopted scarlet livery, the *Madras Mail* remarks:

The use of the Royal colour by two or three wealthy natives of Madras compelled the local Government some years ago to instruct the Police Commissioners to communicate to the gentlemen at fault that they were guilty of a breach of good taste, and it was found that the communication had not to be repeated.

The *New York Herald* facetiously says:—Now York's Chinese will make themselves respectable before they know it. They have just subscribed \$2,000 to strengthen the prosecution in the trial of Ley Teo's murderer. People who protest against wrong, and then back their sentiments with cash, may always be sure of getting along.

Mr John C. Loch, who has been Assistant Agent in America of the Cunard Line, General Agent of the P. & O. Company in China, Agent of that Company in Madras, a member of the firm of Messrs Parry and Co., a member of the Madras Legislative Council, Private Secretary to the Governor, Deputy Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, Sheriff of Madras, and President of the Municipality of Madras, has now become Secretary pro tem. of the Atlantic Express Steam Navigation. The capital of the "lucky Loche's" Company has been set down at \$2,500,000 of which the first is \$1,700,000. The Company has been formed for the purpose of establishing a line of "Express" steamers between Milford Haven and New York, by which it is anticipated that the journeys from London and the Continent will be shortened by two days. As soon as the requisite capital has been raised, it is proposed to contract for building a set of five powerful steamers, to be specially constructed for

In the Victoria Assembly, May 19, Hon. Graham Berry announced that he would introduce a Bill in the House of Commons similar to the one agreed upon by the late Conference of 1878, and that he would

in this particular service, which it is anticipated will be commenced in fifteen months from the date of allotment of shares. These vessels will be built of steel. Each steamer will be capable of accommodating 400 first class passengers in unusually commodious and well-ventilated cabins. Each will possess a cargo capacity of 5,000 tons, and will be provided with refrigerating-chambers, constructed on the latest and most improved methods. Messrs McGroarty, Gow, & Co., Managers of the "Glen" Line of Steamers to China, have undertaken to act as General Managers of the Great Northern Telegraph Company, under the supervision of the Board of Directors, and the Great Western Railways, who propose to call the steamer *Elgin* by the name of *China*. The line is to bring it to the *Elgin*, have provided special facilities and advantages to the promoters. Mr R. M. Talbot, M. P. for the District of Great Western, has joined the Board of the new Company, as also have the Earl of Dunraven, Mr A. P. Vivian, M. P., Mr. R. C. Antrobus, and four other gentlemen.—*Madras Mail*.

Wong Hing Yan and Wong Hak Tai were charged with perjury committed in a case in the Summary Court some short time ago, in which the first prisoner was the second and the second prisoner a witness.

The Attorney General, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, prosecuted; and Mr Francis instructed by Messrs Denney and Moseley, appeared for the prisoners.

Both prisoners were placed in the dock, but Mr Francis objected to their being tried together.

The Attorney General was quite willing they should be tried separately, and the second prisoner was withdrawn.

The first prisoner pleaded not guilty.

The following jury was sworn: Messrs M. M. A. de Souza; J. H. Macpherson, Luk Sam Tim, W. L. Scott; M. M. C. da Rosa; F. de Botelho, and J. A. dos Reis.

The Attorney General had the defendant in the case indicted for perjury, which perjury was committed in the course of the trial.

On the 11th June—Suit No. 10 Kwan Ho Ching and one Fong Sui Fung and one—Judgment.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.—*Wednesday, June 30, 11 a.m.*—Suit No. 10 Kwan Ho Ching and one Fong Sui Fung and one—Judgment.

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## THE CHINA REVIEW.

THE widely-expressed regret at the discontinuance of *Notes & Queries* on *China and Japan*, has induced the publishers of this journal to issue a publication similar in object and style, but slightly modified in certain details.

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Notes and Replies are classified together as "Notes" (head references being given, when furnished, to previous Notes or Queries), as are also those queries which, though asking for information, furnish neither or unpublished details concerning the matter in hand. It is desirable to make the Queries as brief and as much to the point as possible.

The *China Review* for July and August, 1876, is at hand. It says that forty-two essays on the advancement of Christianity for the development of a State, &c., our learned societies should subscribe to this scholarly and enterprising Review. It is a sixty-page, bi-monthly, repertory of what scholars are ascertaining about China.

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